We claim:

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- 1. A modem module for connecting to a carrier assembly, comprising:

 circuitry for interfacing with a telephone line; and
 one or more solder pads for connecting said modem module to said carrier assembly.
- 2. The modem module of claim 1, further comprising a tip/ring connector for interfacing with said telephone line.
 - 3. The modem module of claim 1, further comprising a connection to a tip/ring connector.
- The modem module of claim 1, wherein said carrier assembly is a motherboard.
 - 5. The modem module of claim 1, wherein said one or more solder pads are soldered to corresponding one or more solder pads on said carrier assembly.
- 20 6. The modern module of claim 1, wherein said modern assembly is fabricated on a printed circuit board.
 - 7. The modem module of claim 1, wherein said modem assembly is an integrated device.
 - 8. A method for fabricating a modem module for connection to a carrier assembly, comprising the steps of:

providing circuitry on a printed circuit board for interfacing with a telephone line; and

providing one or more solder pads on said printed circuit board for connecting said modem module to said carrier assembly.

- 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of providing a tip/ring connector for interfacing with said telephone line.
 - 10. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of connecting to a tip/ring connector.
- 10 11. The method of claim 8, wherein said carrier assembly is a motherboard.

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- 12. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of soldering said one or more solder pads to corresponding one or more solder pads on said carrier assembly.
- 15 13. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of fabricating said modem assembly on a printed circuit board.
 - 14. A printed circuit board, comprising:

 modem circuitry for interfacing with a telephone line; and

 one or more solder pads for connecting said modem circuitry
- one or more solder pads for connecting said modem circuitry to a carrier assembly.
 - 15. The printed circuit board of claim 14, further comprising a tip/ring connector for interfacing with said telephone line.
- The printed circuit board of claim 14, further comprising a connection to a tip/ring connector.
- 17. The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said carrier assembly is a motherboard.

- 18. The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said one or more solder pads are soldered to corresponding one or more solder pads on said carrier assembly.
- 5 19. The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said modem assembly is fabricated on a printed circuit board.
 - 20. The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said modem assembly is an integrated device.

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